Scientists Seeking Transfer from National Physical Laboratory

4423. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of promising, talented and devoted scientists, particularly scientists 'F' are seeking transfer from National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi to the Head Office, CSIR, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether their transfer would adversely affect the research and development activities of NPL, New Delhi; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to utilize the services of scientists in the field of research itself and retain them in NPL ?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) No Sir, no such request is pending consideration with the concerned authorities either at National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi or at CSIR Head Qtrs, New Delhi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

New Science and Technology Policy

4424. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated a draft of new science and technology policy to integrate the latest developments in agricultural and industrial production processes;

(b) if so, the main features of the policy;

(c) whether the said draft policy has been discussed with all the State Governments and experts;

(d) if so, to what extent, the State Governments have accepted the policy; and

(e) if not, by when the New Science and Technology Policy is likely to be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) No, sir.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise.